

THEY WANT TO BE TAXED.

SOME REFRESHING CASES THAT COME BEFORE THE TAX COMMISSIONERS.

The officials of the Tax Department are just now noting the unpopularity of personal taxation, and the disposition of the ordinary individual to put his conscience in shape so that he may appear before the Tax Commission after the second Monday in January, if he finds that he has been caught in the dragnet of personal taxation, to show the reason why he should not be taxed. Rumors of large budgets of expenditures and consequent high tax rates are heard, and the consciences of those who have dissimulated and cloaked the truth and escaped, and those who were taxed for 1895 and wanted to escape for 1896, are much disturbed.

The daily routine of the tax gatherers in the compilation of dry facts and hard figures, from which an amount is annually raised by direct taxation sufficient to maintain the city government during the coming year, was relieved yesterday. A well-dressed woman named Mrs. PRENTISS, the Commissioner of the Tax Department, who was the treasurer of personal property and an income. She said that she had read in the newspapers that conscience money represented an amount of direct taxation on personal property that had been by some method avoided. She was unwilling, she said, to pay taxes on her income and possessions, and asked that she be assessed upon an amount named. Deputy Commissioner McCALL entered her name and address upon the assessment rolls, and she will be taxed for 1896 accordingly.

A well-known gentleman of this city called at the Department a few days ago, and said that two years ago he had paid his personal tax, having been financially embarrassed, and feeling that he was not liable to taxation. He was now pleased to report that he was more comfortable financially, and asked that he be assessed upon the amount on the assessment rolls for 1896. His name was enrolled for a good round sum among the faithful, and he will be permitted to pay.

PRICES IN THE MARKETS.

FRUIT DEAR. VEGETABLES AT REASONABLE RATES AND FISH HIGHER.

In the fruit market prices still rule high. Florida has hardly sent an orange northward, while the California fruit is at present of a second-class quality, and is not handled by the big dealers. Jamaicas still hold the market, and range in price from 25 to 60 cents a dozen. The Tokay grape has left us for this season, and is replaced by the Emperor, which fetches 25 cents a basket. Malaga grapes are 20 cents a pound; Catawba and Concord grapes, 20 cents a basket; Duchess and Neils pears, 50 cents a dozen; Sheldon pears, 40 cents a dozen. Apples are from 20 to 40 cents a dozen. Lemons vary from 15 to 25 cents a dozen, and grape fruit are selling at three for 25 cents.

The housewife need not complain of prices in the vegetable line. Potatoes are 20 cents a peck; sweet potatoes, 60 cents; parsnips, 15 cents a dozen; cabbage, 7 cents a head; oxyster plants, 15 cents; white and yellow turnips, 5 cents a quart; radishes, 1 cent a bunch; onions, 10 cents a quart; large white onions, 5 cents; and red, 5 cents; carrots, 5 cents a bunch; Boston turnips, 12½ cents; eggplants, 15 cents each; cauliflower, 15 cents a bunch; Brussels sprouts, 5 cents each; turnips, 10 cents a bunch; leeks, 5 cents each; turnip, 10 cents; chicory, 10 cents; escarole, 10 cents; Spanish onions, 10 cents each; Long Island onions, 10 cents; turnips, 10 cents; radishes, 10 cents; turnips, 10 cents a bunch; hothouse tomatoes, 40 cents a pound; cucumbers, 10 cents each; turnips, 10 cents a quart; Brussels sprouts, 12 cents a quart; and many more.

Fish are at the prices in the market. Mackerel, 18 cents a pound; a turbot, 12½ cents; dabs, 25 cents; geese, 20 cents; grouse, 35 cents; partridges, \$1.50 a pair; grouse, 20 cents; English pheasants, 25 cents; turkeys, 35 cents; pheasants, 20 cents; Philadelphia squab, \$4.50 a dozen; rabbits, 20 cents; and English hares, \$3 each.

Fish have, as a general rule, gone up in price, as the following table shows: Fresh fish, 20 cents a pound; mackerel, 25 cents and parrot, 25 cents; black bass, 20 cents; large bluefish, 20 cents; large blackfish, 12½ cents; carps, from 15 to 25 cents; market codfish, 7 cents; codfish, 12½ cents; haddock, 10 cents; salmon, 20 cents; small fish, 10 cents; large hounds, 12½ cents; fishes, 12½ cents; large fresh mackerel, 25 cents each; haddock, 12½ cents; herrings, 5 cents; chicken, 10 cents; large live lobsters, 10 cents; pompano, 40 cents; pickerel, 20 cents; large red snapper, 15 cents; Kentucky trout, 15 cents; salmon, 25 cents; Southern Spanish mackerel, 45 cents; Southern sheepshead, 20 cents; smelts, 20 cents; sea bass, 20 cents; shark, Florida backs, \$1 each; their eyes, 50 cents; North Carolina backs, 35 cents; smelts, 20 cents; trout, 15 cents; salmon, 25 cents; skates, 8 cents; fresh-caught salmon trout, 15 cents; tomcods, 10 cents; small weakfish, 15 cents; whitebait, 25 cents; large whitebait, 20 cents; whitebait, 15 cents; whitebait, 20 cents; small frogs, 15 cents a quart; prawns, 50 cents a quart; large scallops, 50 cents a quart, and green turtle, 25 cents a pound.

There was a rise in prices in the meat market from those of last week. Eggs, fresh laid, have mounted up to 30 cents a dozen; Philadelphia butter rises at 30 cents a pound; piggin at 30 cents and the commoner sorts from 20 to 25 cents a pound.

PASSENGERS FOR EUROPE.

The French Line steamship La Gasconne, which sails to-day for Havre, will have among her passengers the following:

B. Vega de Leon, T. M. M. and Mrs. T. M. M., Mr. and Mrs. H. Bink, Captain and Mrs. E. Dubey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gouraud, R. Rose, J. G. Rapela, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hixson, Captain Gabriel Theodore Albert Hirsch, Captain Simpson, George Seligman, Antonio A. Sober, Jose Soto, Mrs. John Shanty, Mrs. Stuart Taylor, Henry P. Taiter, Mr. and Mrs. E. de La pierre.

Among the passengers on the Cunarder Etruria, which sails for Liverpool to-day, will be:

Daniel Adamson, J. G. Brown, Thomas C. Chapman, H. R. Burdette, Charles H. Inham, J. E. Hartley, R. W. R. Barnes, Edmund C. Jones, Robert James McBride (Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Campbell), Mrs. and Mrs. Andrew Arthur Stewart, Miss Clara L. Cressy, E. J. Smith, H. C. Chalkeley, F. J. Smith, C. M. Stuart, H. C. Stevens, Dr. J. H. Stevens, Harry W. Woodgate, Mrs. Mary Wild, Miss Wild, Robert De Weston.

On the other hand, the Reed combination favored San Francisco first, and Chicago second. Joseph Manley, who once was James G. Blaine's manager, and now acts for Mr. Reed in the same capacity, declared for San Francisco all along, and declared confidently that San Francisco would win. When Chauncey L. Filley made his characteristic speech in Washington, Manley, who was the hand, and "McKinley" was a great speech, and man, told Filley he gets the convention. Manley showed his disappointment, and the idea prevails that the Reed boomers are not pleased over the result. Mr. Stanley will be in New York, where he may have something to say about the canvas of Mr. Reed.

If there is one man more than another who is pleased that the convention goes to St. Louis, it is Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia. This seems strange at first blush, as Mr. Elkins is not from Missouri, but he is interested, nevertheless. When St. Louis entered the race Mr. Elkins was at once declared in favor of the Mount City. He did this for several reasons. Privately, he comes from a Southern State, and a Southern man for second place. He wants it himself; secondly, he believes in bolstering up the border States that are just now breaking away from the Democracy; and lastly, he is business partner of Rutherford B. Hayes, who wanted the convention to go to St. Louis. As Mr. Kerec and Mr. Elkins are two of the ablest workers for expansion, it is to be hoped that they are satisfied with St. Louis, it looks as if the Harrison machine was in excellent shape in Missouri.

MR. HUNTINGTON NOT TO MOVE SOON.

For some time an impression has prevailed that Collis P. Huntington would speedily move with his family into the great Fifth-avenue mansion which he was approaching completion. Yesterday afternoon, speaking about his new home, Mr. Huntington remarked that he had no idea of moving, at least for the present. "We are," he said, "very comfortably located where we are. Of course, it is more or less in the nature of camping, as we have not as much furniture, perhaps, as we should like, but we will not move right away."

Religious Notices

A—A—CENTRAL METROPOLITAN FORWARD MOVEMENT, 35th-ave. and 14th-st.—Sunday, 10:45 a.m., Rev. S. PARKER CADYMAN will preach. Sunday-school, 12:30 p.m. in Bushnell Hall, corner 14th and 35th-sts. Organist,—Orchestral music, service of song.

BAPTISTES' SERVICE, in Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of South Oxford, Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. old-time music by large chorus, Dr. GREGG will speak. "The Colony which Gave Us George Washington." Public invited.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH, THOMAS DIXON preaches, morning, "The Working-Man's Friend." Preacher of the Judicial Administration, 4th, "Divided Masters." Special address after service.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, Madison-ave. and 69th-st.—Rev. R. BEIER NEWTON will preach at 11 a.m. on "The Aids to the Moral and Religious Life from Culture." Every 10th and 30th, one hour service.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, 4th-ave., corner 20th-st.—Services every night, a Bible meeting, Special address after service.

GOSPEL BILLIARD CLUB, 28th-ave. and 44th-st.—Services every Sabbath, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. A. B. SIMPSON will preach Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Services every night during the week at 8 p.m.

GRACE CHURCH, BROADWAY AND 10TH-ST.—Sunday hours:

"a.m.—Holy Communion, and sermon.

JOSEPH R. KERR, D. D., Pastor.—Adoring the Gospel.

8 p.m.—Men's meeting ("Chanty").

"At this service all fittings free."

ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH, Protestant Episcopal, 245 West 43rd-st.—Rev. JOHN E. STEPHEN, Pastor.—Morning services at 10:45; evening at 8 o'clock. "Music to Heaven." Sunday school at 11 a.m. Subject: "W. F. Frothingham's All Message to Man." Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. All welcome.

AT REFORMED CATHOLIC SERVICES in Christ's Church, 14th-ave. and 7th-st.—Meetings for the Education of Protestants and the Conversion of Non-Catholics.—Fathers O'CONNOR and VANOLI, priests invited.

AT SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKLYN, 11th-ave. and 8th-st.—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Service.

AT SOUTH CHURCH, Madison-ave. and 88th-st., Rev. RODERICK TERREY, D. D., Pastor.—Services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Pastor will preach at both services.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, 122½-st.—Rev. C. W. BRIDGMAN, D. D., Rector.

AT THE SCOTT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 66th-ave. and Central Park West, Rev. DR. WYLIE, Pastor.—Preaching 11 and 3 p.m. Morning. The Peerless Christian, a Congregationalist, will preach.

AT THE WASHINGTON SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH, 47th-ave. and 5th-st.—Services, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Preaching, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Pastor will preach. Sunday-school at 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Midweek service Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

AT UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 87th-ave. and Broadway.—Services, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Preaching, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Pastor will preach. Sunday-school at 9:45 a.m. All welcome.

AT MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 101st-ave. and Central Park West, Rev. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, D. D., Pastor.—Services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Preaching, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Subject: "Mark the Conqueror." 8 p.m. to young people, "Welcome Home." Seats free.

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